



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase of Phone Switch Software Upgrade for Municipal Service Center (MSC)
(\$10,000)

MEETING DATE: August 6, 1997

SUBMITTED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the attached Resolution authorizing the sole source purchase of a software upgrade for the MSC phone switch from WilTel Communications, LLC of Sacramento, and authorize the appropriation of funds from the General Fund Capital Budget.

BACKGROUND: Presently the City operates two phone switches, one of which provides phone and data service to the Electric Utility, Finance, Public Works and Police Departments located at the MSC. The MSC phone switch does not have the software capacity for additional phone lines. Requests have been received from the Departments for more phone lines.

Two options exist: 1) expand (upgrade) our existing software for the needed phone lines or; 2) lease lines directly from the local phone company. Based upon current pricing and estimated demand for lines, the break-even point, if the City purchases the software versus leasing lines, is between 12 to 24 months.

It is recommended that the City Council approve this sole source purchase based on the following:

- The pricing is based on California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) price schedules.
- WilTel Communications, LLC, formally Nortel Communications System Inc., is the original equipment supplier and is presently contracted with the City to perform maintenance.
- This option is the most cost effective.
- This upgrade will complement and not create conflicts with other City owned phone equipment.

A bid specification for the main phone switch at the Public Safety Building will be completed and submitted to Council for approval in the fourth quarter of 1997.

Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

FUNDING: General Fund Capital Budget Pg. E-9
Cost: \$10,000

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APPROVED

H. Dixon Flynn
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 97-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE
SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF TELEPHONE SWITCH SOFTWARE
UPGRADE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER (MSC), AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL
BUDGET TO COVER THIS PROJECT

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City operates two telephone switches, one of which provides telephone and data service to the Electric Utility, Finance, Public Works and Police Departments located at MSC; and

WHEREAS, the MSC telephone switch does not have the software capacity for additional telephone lines that are currently needed; and

WHEREAS, two options exist (1) expand (upgrade) existing software for the needed telephone lines, or (2) lease lines directly from the local telephone company; and

WHEREAS, based on current pricing and estimated demand for telephone lines, the break-even point, if the City purchases the software versus leasing lines, is between 12 to 24 months; and

WHEREAS, it is staff recommendation that the City Council authorize the sole source purchase of software based on the following:

- The pricing is based on California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) price schedules; and
- WiITel Communications, LLC, formally Nortel Communications System Inc., is the original equipment supplier and is presently contracted with the City to perform maintenance; and
- This option is the most cost effective; and
- This upgrade will complement and not create conflicts with other City owned telephone equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the sole source purchase of a software upgrade for the MSC telephone switch from WiITel Communications, LLC of Sacramento, California in the amount of \$8,134.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$10,000.00 be appropriated from the General Fund Capital Budget to cover this project.

Dated: August 6, 1997

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-104 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 6, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk